



**ANIMAL PROTECTION & CONTROL
ADVISORY BOARD
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2004**

In Attendance:

Ed Anderson
Holly Blosser
Ginger Burr
Cheri Cornelius
Greg Ellison
Pat Jollota
Kevin Klop
Shirley Malar
Carol Williams

Staff:

Mary Liddle-Hunnicut
Linda Moorhead

Gary Butler

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30p.m. Dr. Elizabeth Grauer notified the board at last months meeting that she would not be in attendance this month

II. Reading & Approval of the August 2004 minutes:

The minutes were approved with no additions or corrections.

III. Orders of the Day

Code Work

At the request of the present board members at the July 2004 advisory board meeting, Mary Liddle-Hunnicut prepared a packet of information with relation to catteries in other jurisdictions. Code sections and information from the following were included in this packet that was given to each member. King County, Washington, Spokane County, Washington, Merced County, California, Jefferson County, Kansas and Lincoln, Nebraska.

The members had a brief discussion on this information, they thought it was overwhelming and wanted to have time go through it before giving any further input. Linda Moorehead stated the

simpler the better, The Merced County code was pretty complex. Carol Williams wanted to know why there has to be a numbers/limitation on numbers as kennels are not allowed anywhere anymore. You must have a conditional use permit (CUP) or be zoned for light manufacturing to qualify.

Greg Ellison has had some personal issues and was not able to get any feedback/input from his contacts. Carol asked if he would be able to next month and he said that he should be able to.

It was asked that the staff do a matrix on the various cattery codes for the board members so they could compare the various ins and outs.

Statistical Report

Linda gave a brief overview of the stats for Animal Control for August 2004. Bites are up due to all the recent media attention, overall the complaint calls are down. Carol suggested that we do a public service announcement (PSA) for licensing.

Gary Butler from the SW Washington Humane Society was in attendance for Phil Olson who was out of town at a conference; he went over the shelters stats for August 2004 as well. Gary is the new director of shelter operations and this was his first week on the job. Received dogs were up 16%, while RTO was up 11%. Received cats were up 18% and cat adoptions were up by 42%. The shelter was in the process of hiring an architect for the construction of another new building. Also there was a reminder that the Annual Humane Society dinner was next week September 28, 2004 at the Heathman Lodge.

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IV. Roundtable

Linda stated that Toby LaFrance the Community Development Finance Manager wanted to attend and talk with the board about streamlining the Animal Control fees. He wants to change the code to reflect all the fees that the agency collects and or imposes are in one fee table instead of being spread throughout the code.

In a discussion after the meeting was adjourned it was decided by the majority of the board members that were present to postpone the cattery discussion until the January 2005 meeting as this would probably take up a couple of meetings and that the Finance Manager, Toby LaFrance would be on the agenda for the October 2004 meeting.

Beginning with the January 2005 Advisory Board meeting, the meetings will be moved to the Public Service Center at 1300 Franklin. The meetings will be held on the 6th floor in the BOCC training room. A map and directions are to follow before the January 2005 meeting.

V. Public Forum

Hank Williams the husband of Carol Williams asked if the cats that no one wants are feral. It was noted that not all stray cats are feral.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Hearing Tribunal

There were three written appeals reviewed this month.